



# United Methodist Church of Owatonna

## September Newsletter

### *A note from Pastor Lisa*

#### **United Methodist Church of Owatonna**

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Methodist Church

#### **Sunday Schedule**

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship Time with Coffee/  
Donuts

**Starting September 25th begins the**  
**Children's Connect Club**  
**From 9:15 a.m.—10:00 a.m.**



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The article I wrote for Owatonna Peoples Press last month touched many hearts. In it I wrote about the nostalgia we feel about the Fair and about church. Here is an excerpt based on **Matthew 23: 37** Jesus says ***“How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.”***

The fair takes us back to a less complicated time. A nostalgia for the way it was. We want to see our favorite bands again, grab a malt at the dairy stand and watch the 4H kids show their animals. We want to see new things but we want to keep things the same too. This sense of nostalgia keeps calling us back year after year. It is this same sense of nostalgia that calls us back to church—especially when summer ends. **An old hymn keeps rolling off my tongue; “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” (Hall Thompson 1880). “Come home, come home you who are weary come home; earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling O sinner come home!”**

God does not want us to go through life alone. To face the barbs and jabs that seem to come at us more and more every day. Just as we long for a kinder less complicated life so to do we long for the comfort that is only found when we come home – to our spiritual home. To God who longs to gather us in like a mother hen.

Come home – to the church you Love and Come home to a God who loves you dearly. Here at OUMC we are going back the basics. Not out of a sentimental need for things to never change but as a way to draw closer to God. In this newsletter are some ways we can get back to the Basics-Bible Study on Monday, Connect Club for children and Confirmation will all be starting up again and our first community meal will be Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00. Just to name a few!

Blessings,  
Pastor Lisa



Time to clean out the closets! When the weather gets colder, our neighbors in Steele County will need warm coats, scarves, hats, mittens and gloves. Starting in October, please look for the Coat Drive bin near the fellowship hall and donate warm clothes for those in need.

# Bible Study

## Adult Bible Study

Monday's @ 9:00 am - Starting September 12<sup>th</sup> This is an ongoing "drop in" Bible Study based on the Lectionary readings or Sermon Series each Sunday. Go deeper into what was said on Sunday and get a deeper understanding of next Sunday's readings.

### **Bring**

- ◇ Your Bible
- ◇ Questions
- ◇ Open Mind and Heart!



# Community Dinners

## Upcoming Community Dinners

Wednesday, September 21st  
at 6pm  
Wednesday, October 26th  
at 6pm



## Sunday School Update

**Connect Club (Sunday School)**  
will start back up on Sunday,  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – There will be sign  
up forms available in the Narthex or  
call the church. All Children 3 and up  
are welcome.

## Octoberfest 2022

**Saturday, October 1, 2022!**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Keep an eye out for more updates!  
An email with further information  
will be sent out!

**NEWSLETTER  
SUBMISSION  
DEADLINE:**

**Friday,  
September 16th!**

Remember to submit  
your information to the  
office in writing.



Pastor Lisa Vick is  
available for home visits  
and counseling when  
requested, as well as  
hospital visits when  
informed.  
Remember that the  
hospital does not  
inform us of your  
admission. Pastor Lisa  
can be reached at  
(612)-558-5316.



**September  
Weekly Prayer List**



**September 1 - 3:** Joyce Parker; Phillip Parker; Pamela Pates;  
Daniel Peach; Jeffrey & Sheri Peach; Dorothy Petersen

**September 4 - 10:** Judy Phillips; Michelle Pittman & Tony  
Pyatt, Grace; Lisa Raetz; Tom & Patricia Raetz; Margaret  
Randall; Howard & Pat Rethemeier

**September 11 - 17:** Arlene Rhodes; Henry Ripka; Jeremy  
Saufferer; Joseph Saufferer; Paddy Schafer; Caitlin Schneider

**September 18 - 24:** Chelsea Schneider; Mitchell Schneider;  
Todd & Susan Schneider, McKinley; Carole Schroeder; Aaron  
Schroht, Adeline, Weston, & August; Audrey & Randal  
Schroht

**September 25 - 30:** David Schroht; Thomas Schroht;  
Anthony Seykora; Derald & Linda Shaw; Rosalind Shore

**It's that time of year again for ordering  
Offerings & Tithes Envelopes.**

Please email, call the office, or cut out this slip with your selection  
chosen if you'd like to receive envelopes this year or if you do not need them.  
Place this slip in the offering basket or return to the office. This will help me from  
ordering too many or ordering those with numbers who do not need or use them!  
As always, we will have some un-numbered ones available to you in the office.  
Thank you.

Yes, I'd like envelopes \_\_\_\_\_

No, I don't want/need \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Giver #** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Vacation Bible School Recap

We had about 23 children at VBS.  
The Crumble Sandwich Food Truck  
was a hit!

Thank you to all of our volunteers & helpers.





# Vacation Bible School Pictures





# September

## September Birthdays

Julie Harriman	09/03
Tommie Cruz	09/03
Tahlon Cruz	09/03
Bonnie Maxfield	09/09
Caitlin Schneider	09/09
Nathan Miller	09/11
Sara Jean Stewart	09/15
Daryl Kanne	09/18
Derald Shaw	09/19
Janet Dirks	09/20
Kristine Beck	09/24
Dalton Hovland	09/24
Linda Shaw	09/25
Jill Hoggard	09/27
Cheryl Arnold	09/30




## September Anniversaries

Allen & Cheryl Arnold	09/01
Bruce & Janet Dirks	09/12
Lanny & Naomi Uber	09/15
Kyle & Alyssa Huisenga	09/15
Douglas & Carol Harvey	09/26

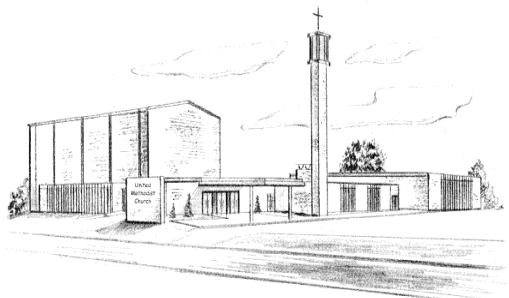




# September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 No School	3
4 <u>Communion</u> 13th Sunday after Pentecost	5 Office Closed No School 	6 UMW Exec. Board Meeting 1 p.m.	7 	8	9	10
11 14th Sunday after Pentecost	12	13	14 9:00 a.m. Coffee @ Hy-Vee 	15	16 	17
18 15th Sunday after Pentecost	19	20	21 Community Meal 6p.m. 	22	23	24
25 Children's Connect Club Begins 9:15 a.m. 16th Sunday after Pentecost	26	27 Charity Circle 2:00 p.m.	28 Faith Circle 9:00 a.m. 	29	30 Homecoming 2hr Early Release	
					<div>Please notify Sandy Emry if you are unable to do any of your shifts for meals on wheels. Thank you</div>	

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Return Service Requested



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
GATHER IN CHRIST'S NAME  
GROW IN GOD'S LOVE  
SERVE ALL PEOPLE  
**SEPTEMBER**

Sunday worship service can be seen on  
Charter channel 181 and Jaguar channel 900  
at the following times:

Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)

Services are available 24-7 on

[www.owatonnaalive.com](http://www.owatonnaalive.com)